

May Bird Census

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In order that you may reconcile my list with town life, I feel that an explanation is necessary. Our home is located on two good sized lots, near the out-skirts of town. Just outside the west window in the kitchen, where much of my time is spent, are two plum trees, a concrete bird pool, berry bushes in an adjoining yard; and in other parts of the yard are hard maples, apple and evergreen trees, so that conditions are favorable for bird-life in abundance. The Martin house was erected early in May but the birds failed to find it until Decoration Day. The Western Meadowlark that I hear almost every day sings on a pasture fence two blocks south of our home. In every case where the locality is not mentioned, I saw the birds in my own door-yard.

May 1st, chaperoned the 5th grade girls on a picnic to Sugar Creek: Slate-colored Junco, Robins, English Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Myrtle Warbler, Kingfisher, Flicker,

May 4th.—A five mile walk south-east of town: Robins, 9; English Sparrows; Bronzed Grackles, 6; Chipping Sparrow, 3; Mourning Dove, 3; Meadowlark, 6; Flicker; Field Sparrow; Crow, 6; Blue Jays; Brown Thrasher; Blue-headed Vireo; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Cowbird; Myrtle Warbler, 5; Bluebirds, 3; Song Sparrow; Goldfinch, 2.

May 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 15th, and 16th.—The Northern Hairy Woodpecker came to the suet. How do I know that it was the Northern Hairy? Because, (a woman's reason) it stood beside a robin one day and was fully as large.

May 12th.—Male and female Grosbeak, Catbird, Robin, English Sparrow, Grackle, Mourning Dove, Chipping Sparrow, Blue Jay.

May 15th.—Olive-backed Thrush, Traill Flycatcher, Baltimore Oriole, Grosbeak, Catbird, Robin, Bluejay, Swift, English Sparrow, Grackle.

May 16th.—Robin, Grackle, Bluejay, English Sparrow, House Wren, Olive-backed Thrush, Summer Yellow Bird, Philadelphia Vireo, Grosbeak, Catbird, Screech Owl, Least Flycatcher, Northern Hairy Woodpecker.

May 17th.—Robin, Bluejay, Grackle, House Wren, Catbird, Olive-backed Thrush, White-throated Sparrow, 2; Least Flycatcher, Chipping Sparrow, Redstart, Baltimore Oriole.

May 18th.—Tree Sparrow, Grosbeak, Robin, English Sparrow,

Grackle, Olive-breasted Thrush, Nashville Warbler, B. Oriole, White-throated Sparrow, House Wren, Catbird.

May 19th.—Robin, English Sparrow, Swift, B. Oriole, Tennessee Warbler, Olive-backed Thrush, Catbird, Goldfinch, Redstart, Chipping Sparrow, Grackle, Wilson's Warbler, Cape May Warbler, father, mother and daughter, Orange-crowned Warbler, Grosbeak, Bluejay, House Wren.

May 20th.—B. Oriole, English Sparrow, Robin, Cape May Warbler, Grackle, Catbird, Swift, Nashville Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Meadowlark, Bluejay.

May 21st.—Orange-crowned Warbler, Catbird, Maryland Yellow Throat, B. Oriole, Robin, Nashville and Tennessee Warblers, Olive-backed Thrush, English Sparrow, Yellow Warbler, Redstart, Magnolia Warbler, Pewee, Alder Flycatcher, Yellow-breasted Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Swift, Downy Woodpecker. This bird was very peculiar, the head was all black, below the belly was washed with brown, no white on the wings, and when it flew it showed two parallel white patches on the back; Green-crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Grackle.

May 22nd.—Tennessee Warbler, Maryland Yellow-throat, Olive-backed Thrush, Catbird, Meadowlark, Wren, B. Oriole, Robin, English Sparrow, Alder Flycatcher, a Flycatcher with faint markings on the breast, Grosbeak, Bronzed Grackle, Bohemian Waxwing, 8 in the next flock, Red-headed Woodpecker, Flicker, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Swift.

May 23rd.—B. Oriole, English Sparrow, Bluejay, Robin, Catbird, Wren, Grackle, Summer Yellowbird, Hummingbird, Olive-backed Thrush, Orange-crowned Warbler, Phoebe, Grosbeak, Tennessee Warbler, Swift, Screech Owl, Red-headed Woodpecker.

May 24th.—Tennessee Warbler, English Sparrow, Catbird, Swift, Hummingbird, Grackle, Wren, Grosbeak, Robin, B. Oriole, Meadowlark, Bluejay, Flicker.

May 25th.—Robin, Bluejay, Flicker, Catbird, English Sparrow, Wren, Black-billed Cuckoo at 6:00 a. m. in an apple tree, Swift, Grackle, Meadowlark, Martin, B. Oriole, Mourning Dove.

May 26th.—Robin, Wren, B. Oriole, Grackle, English Sparrow, Swift, Catbird, Bluejay, Chipping Sparrow, Tennessee Warbler, Grosbeak, Flicker, Mourning Dove,

May 27th.—This day was spent at Spring Park, 2 miles southwest of town: Robin, English Sparrow, B. Oriole, Wren, Bluejay, Swift, Grosbeak, Grackle, Tennessee Warbler, Catbird, Martin, Flicker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Brown Thrasher, Meadowlark, Crow, Bluebird, Field Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Tennessee Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Alder Flycatcher, Bank Swallow,

Mourning Warbler, Yellow-throater Vireo, Black-billed Cuckoo, Least Flycatcher, Olive-backed Thrush, Pewee, Yellow Warbler, White-breasted Nuthatch, Maryland Yellow-throat, Sandpiper (?), Woodthrush, Red-eyed Vireo, Cowbird, Redstart, Tree Swallow, Chickadee, Scarlet Tanager, Canadian Warbler, Cliff Swallow, Kingbird, Goldfinch, Mourning Dove and a Ruby-crowned Kinglet in the bird pool when we returned.

May 28th.—B. Oriole, Robin, Catbird, Wren, Mourning Dove, Grackle, English Sparrow, Martin, Grosbeak, Swift, Flicker, Bluejay, Tennessee Warbler.

May 29th.—Wren, Catbird, Pewee, Swift, Robin, English Sparrow, Meadowlark, Grackle, Bluejay, Chipping Sparrow, Screech Owl.

May 30th.—Martins, 6; Wren, Grackle, Robin, English Sparrow, Catbird, Swift, Grosbeak, Maryland Yellowthroat, Pewee, Meadowlark, Field Sparrow, Red-headed Woodpecker, B. Oriole, Flicker, Kingbird, Mourning Dove, Screech Owl. Part of these birds were seen in or near some woods south of town, and part in the cemetery, as well as my yard.

May 31st.—B. Oriole, Martin, Catbird, Robin, Swift, Grackle, Wren, English Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Meadowlark.